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Township town hall meeting recognizes three Woodlands residents as Volunteers of the Year

THE WOODLANDS, TEXAS (January 26, 2011) –The Woodlands Township Board of Directors held a Special Town Hall Meeting and Volunteer Recognition on Wednesday, January 26, 2011, at The Woodlands Waterway Marriott & Convention Center, at 7 p.m.

About 135 people came to hear the presentation on the 2010 Township annual report with 2011 projections, the recognition of volunteers and the discussions of public concern.

The Woodlands Township President Don Norrell started the presentation with a look back at 2010, including the changes in Township's governance structure, The Woodlands economy and the enhanced public safety services offered in The Woodlands.

Mr. Norrell proceeded to give a detailed summary of the Township's many 2010 accomplishments, including the completion of the 2011 budget and five-year plan, increase in law enforcement funding for 2011, issuance of \$35 million in general obligation bonds, creation of the over 65/disabled property tax exemption and the construction of Creekside Park and Indian Springs fire stations.

Led by Chairman Bruce Tough, The Woodlands Township recognized six different volunteer groups, totaling nearly 200 people that represent varied and important functions within the community.

The Woodlands Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Leaders act as liaisons between CERT graduates and The Woodlands Fire Department. They help plan CERT classes, recruit new CERT members and participate in local events. The leaders honored were Glen Bernstein, Scott Darby, Claude Hunter, Rud Merriam and Randy Scott.

The Development Standards Committee members are appointed by The Woodlands Township and The Woodlands Land Development Company. The committee is responsible for adopting rules and regulations regarding the administration, interpretation and enforcement of The Woodlands Covenants, Restrictions, Easements, Charges and Liens. The members recognized were Ken Anderson, Mike Bass, Chris Florack, Robert Heineman, Kim Hess, Ken Parker and Deborah Sargeant.

The Residential Design Review Committee members are community-elected representatives who review requests for improvements to residential properties in each village in order to



protect the aesthetic character of the residential areas in The Woodlands. Each village has its own committee.

Alden Bridge	Gregory Bakalich, Arthur Bredehoft, Robin Cassidy, Peggy Gartman, Herman Weindel
Cochran's Crossing	Mark Bacon, Jim Goldmeyer, David Jesiolowski, Steven Tidwell, Clarence Wallace
College Park	Gail Carney, Laura Dean, Roger W. McDonald, Peter Moore, Jr., Eileen Sandburg
Creeside Park	Peter Kalb, Nancy Decker Lent, Jennifer Mares, Michael Ramsey, Christopher Valle
Grogan's Mill	Robbie Brundrett, Rex D. Campbell, Vince Fredrick, Robert H. Leilich, Jorge Slater
Indian Springs	Nathan Dietrich, Cheryl Edmondson, Steven Gallia, Matt Mussalli, Ken Schumann, Randy Scott
Panther Creek	Marsha Carlton, Barby R. Carroll, Daniel E. Lewis, Kimber Lewis, Susan Pennock
Sterling Ridge	John Nanninga, Jay Proctor, George Ushiroda, M. Kimberli Vest, Doris Wootton

The Law Enforcement Advisory Council members provide valuable input and serve as a public sounding board for programs involving law enforcement initiatives in The Woodlands Township. The members honored were Glen Bernstein, Boyd Burdett, Tom Campbell, Kevin Casey, Joel Deretchin, Anthony Fasone, Sally Johnson, Amy Lecocq, Daniel E. Lewis, David Packer, Kendrick Skipper and Clarence Wallace.

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Council members serve as a public sounding board for programs, activities, policies and new initiatives of the Parks and Recreation Department. The recognized volunteers were Gail Carney, Merle H. Causey, Anthony Fasone, Claude Hunter, Sally Johnson, Dan Kolkhorst, Kimber Lewis, Marti Meerscheidt, Nick Norris, Steve Perry, Debbie Repka, Ken Schumann, Susan Tedesco and Adele Yung.

The last group of volunteers honored was the village associations. The village associations are grassroots organizations that provide civic and social opportunities for residents. They are separate and independent of The Woodlands Township. Village association volunteers are community-elected representatives who meet regularly to discuss community and village issues, gain village input and plan village programs and events.

Alden Bridge	Phillip Barker (president), Steve Leakey (vice president), Michael Cannetti (treasurer), Darla Bell (secretary), Matt Bartholomew, Nasim Bell, Sean Guillory, Michael (Barry) Newman, Laurie Ricks, Kendrick Skipper, Angela Speight, Ronny R. Taylor, Ross Vickers, Theresa Wagaman, Dale Wood, Adele Yung
Cochran's Crossing	Nancy Becker (president), Marti Fox Meerscheidt (vice



	president), Jim Goldmeyer (treasurer), Bill Mara (secretary), Jeff Allen, Brian Duelm, Julie Duelm, Douglas Cole Grijalva, Dave Jesiolowski, Cynthia Kessinger, Gloria Moser, Jerry Orebaugh, Steve Perry, Lori Riley, Stuart Schroeder, Bebe Smith, Steven Tidwell, Clarence J. Wallace
College Park	Glen Bernstein (president), Scott S. Singletary (vice president), Steven A. Reinmund, CPA (treasurer), Gail Carney (secretary), Kendall Bernstein, Laura Dean, Larry Faith, Richard Johnson, Paul Martin, Ray Penton, Janet Reinmund
Creekside Park	Nancy Decker Lent (president), Michael Ramsey (vice president), Matt Marrow (secretary), Larry Jadrych (treasurer), Susan (Sue) Tedesco (events chair), Michael P. Casey, Nicole Coulton, Sally H. Epton, Kirby Hopkins, Emma Marrow, David Packer
Grogan's Mill	Deborah Sargeant (president), Dana Denton (vice president), Sally Johnson (treasurer), Patricia Goodpastor (secretary), Matt Beasley, Robbie Brundrett, Rex Campbell, Bruce Cunningham, Virginia Dellinger, Robert Leilich, Franklin R. Palmer, William Sargent, James Upham, George Van Horn, Lily Weiss, Chris Wren
Indian Springs	Ron Kostelny (president), Carolyn Dalglish (vice president), Oscar Lui (treasurer), Kelly Sharer (secretary), Shanna Davis, Amy Lecocq, Michael Luman, Erika Pratt, Jason Rivers, Kenneth Schumann, Randy Scott, Richard Stromatt, Eric Thomas, Jose Valladares
Panther Creek	Everett Ison (president), Betty Nelson (vice president), Damon Palermo (secretary), Kimber Lewis (treasurer), Barbara Beavis, Karen Booren, Geneva Carroll, Barbara St. Amand, Karen Stafford, Mary Bootz, Barby Carroll, Merle Causey, Daniel E. Lewis, Hartley Mackintosh, Jay Mac Sanders, Paul Gebolys
Sterling Ridge	Phillip Givens (president), Richard Gregory (vice president), Mike Bass (treasurer), Kerri Steen-Chew (secretary), Sue Young (event chair), Todd Bloomfield, Stephanie Carlton, Kevin Casey, Charles Dressler, Anthony Fasone, Nick Norris, Chris Pappas, Susan Bell Radley, Angela Scott

Three Woodlands residents were honored as Volunteers of the Year for their outstanding volunteerism to the Township. Peter Belbin, a parks and recreation volunteer, was instrumental in the success of the Township's 2010 races, the *CB&I Tri* and *10 for Texas*, by using his amateur HAM radio skills and his work through The Woodlands Amateur Radio Club, www.twarc.org. Julia Belforti, a neighborhood services volunteer, uses her time and talent bringing residents together with The Woodlands Watch. Linda Crum, an environmental services volunteer, shares her knowledge of gardening with others at Woodlands Landscaping Solutions events, compost classes and Walk in the Woods nature lectures.

During public discussion, seven people spoke on a variety of topics, ranging from thanking the Board for their service to asking the Township to consider acquiring the Waterway. A full video



of the meeting can be found at the Video Meetings website of The Woodlands Township website:

The annual report presentation can also be found on the Township Web site. Please check the Board Meeting Information page (<http://www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/index.aspx?NID=585>) for links to agendas, minutes, public meeting documents, videos, reports and summaries of meetings.

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